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CINCINNATI A CLASSICAL STRONGHOLD

Among "Current Events" in the present number of the *Journal* will be found a notice of the successful presentation of the *Frogs of Aristophanes* by the Greek department of the University of Cincinnati under the direction of Professor J. E. Harry. Such activities testify to the vitality of the Greek department itself; but another recent incident in the same university is of far greater import, because it shows that the institution as a whole is alive to the value of the classics. In January of this year the following manifesto was issued:

We, the undersigned professors of the University of Cincinnati, consider the study of the classics in the high school essential to the best preparation for college; and we should prefer as students of our respective subjects those who have included among their studies in the high school both Latin and Greek.

This manifesto was signed by the deans of the College of Liberal Arts, of the College of Engineering, of the Graduate School of the College of Commerce, and the dean of women; also by the heads and associates in a large number of departments commonly supposed to be widely separated in interest from classical subjects. In short, the university is practically unanimous in the statement above quoted. The University of Cincinnati is to be congratulated on the broadmindedness of its faculty, and the cause of classical training is equally to be congratulated on such support.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

The *Classical Journal*, in closing its eighth volume, takes pleasure in commenting upon the present condition of the Association

and its outlook. The present membership is 1,802. When we think of the entirely unorganized condition of our great territory eight years ago, not to mention the other great fields of the northern and southern Pacific coast which also have organized in more recent years; and when we consider that the workers in these great fields were not only disorganized but voiceless, that the classical army was not an army at all but a vast aggregation of individual workers unknown to each other in great part, and having no consciousness of working in a common cause; we have much reason for encouragement in view of the present status. Our classical workers are organized the country over; and for our own great association and its allied associations the *Classical Journal* is the voice by which one may speak to all, and by which many have found opportunity to express the results of their experience and study. By "Current Events" also we have been able as never before to gather up the news of the movements and interesting activities of classical workers whether of institutions, associations, or individuals.

Our members will be interested to know how our numbers are divided geographically. The distribution is as follows: Alabama, 20; Arkansas, 12; Colorado, 34; Florida, 23; Illinois, 243; Georgia, 29; Idaho, 12; Indiana, 139; Iowa, 142; Kansas, 137; Kentucky, 62; Louisiana, 26; Michigan, 108; Minnesota, 70; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 128; Nebraska, 65; North Carolina, 21; North Dakota, 22; Ohio, 200; Oklahoma, 15; South Carolina, 12; South Dakota, 19; Tennessee, 43; Texas, 52; Virginia, 35; West Virginia, 12; Wisconsin, 100.